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Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Group Art Unit: 2654  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DECODING SPEECH SIGNAL

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Supplemental to the September 20, 2005, Amendment in Response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1 and 20-22, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.